

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the comments in the Office Action which has been carefully considered. It is respectfully submitted that all issues raised are traversed, being hereinafter addressed with reference to the relevant headings appearing in the Detailed Action section of the Office Action.

The Applicant has amended the claim set. The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claim set are fully supported by the originally filed specification.

Claim 1 has been amended to introduce the requirement that "the covering formation and the work transmitting structure are demarcated by a first opening in fluid communication with the air chamber, and the roof and the work transmitting structure are demarcated by a second opening in fluid communication with the nozzle chamber". Support for this amendment is found at page 7, line 4 of the specification discussing example slotted opening 94 and slotted opening 96 with reference to Fig. 2.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 USC 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-11 of prior US Patent No. 6,582,059.

Applicant has amended claim 1 of the present application to avoid the double patenting rejection. Applicant submits that currently amended claim 1 is patentably distinct to US Patent No. 6,582,059. The Examiner's reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Specification

The Applicant has inserted a paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" at Page 1 of the Specification. The Applicant submits that this amendment introduces no new matter.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance of all the claims presently under examination.

Very respectfully,

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